READS LIKE A ROMANCE.

A Boy and Girl Conditionally Pledged

by the Parents Before the

Children Were Born.

WIDOW ELOPES WITH A NEGRO.

Strange Infatuation of a Banker's

Widow-Charge of Lunacy

to Be Preferred.

After a search covering three days, four detectives arrested John Crowder in a negro quarter of Cincinnati, where he had been hiding. One hour later Mrs. Frances McFarland, widow of a wealthy banker of Wapakonita, O., was arrested at the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton depot.

Crowder is a Pullman sleeping car porter. His home is in Wapakonita, and for some time he has been paying attention to Mrs. McFarland, who had conceived a strange infatuation for him. Both disappeared from Wapakonita. Try were traced to Cincinnati. In Coving: h, Ky., they had applied for a marriage license. It was refused, because the Kentucky laws prohibit miscegenation. They went to Hamilton, and again applied for a license, with the same result.

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They then returned to Cincinnati, and were in hiding, having learned that officers were on their tracks. Crowder was locked up on the charge of forging Mrs. McFarland's name to a bank check, and Mrs. McFarland was taken home and will be taken to court on a lunacy charge.

Both the negro and Mrs. McFarland declare they are not married. By the death of her husband Mrs. McFarland came in possession of \$50,000.

ARE WED JUST AFTER DAWN. Englewood, Ill., Couple Are Married at 5:30 in the Morning-Wanted a Quiet Ceremony.

At 5:30 o'clock in the morning Rev. Father Schaefers, of St. Martin's church, Englewood, pronounced the words which made Frederick H. Streit and Miss Carrie Franzen husband and wife at a nuptial mass. Only the relatives of the contracting parties and a few others who happened to enter the church at that time were present. The small number present at the ceremony was due altogether to a desire of the parties most interested to have the wedding strictly quiet. They are among the best known young people of Englewood.

On account of the death of Mr. Streit's mother two months ago/a public wedding, such as was generally expected, was not

perform the ceremony himself at the early hour indicated. He said that in all his twenty years in the ministry he had never before celebrated a marriage at so early an hour.

A KENTUCKY ELOPEMENT. Bluegrass Farmer Wedded in Shirt-

sleeves and Patched

Trousers.

H. J. Colson, of Jolly Ridge, a hamlet not far from Middlesboro. Ky., and a nephew of Congressman David G. Colson, eloped with Miss Lizzie Foster, daughter of Rob-

with Miss Lizzie Foster, daughter of Robert Foster. For some time the couple have been sweethearts, but the girl's parents were opposed to Colson's suit. Miss Foster slipped away from home Friday, joined her lover, who was at work in a field near the railroad, and, without waiting for him to get his coat, they flagged a train with a handkerchief and went to Richmond, where they were made one. The groom, who was married in shirt sleeves and patched pants, owns a 200 acre bluegrass farm and is one of the most substantial young farmers in the county.

ON HER WEDDING DAY.

A Young Girl of Cleveland, O., Arraigned in Police Court as an Incorrigible.

Carrie and Nettie Geiger, sisters, living at No. 1152 St. Clair street, Cleaveland, O., were found by an officer quarreling on the street at daybreak Friday morning and he was obliged to lock them up. The mother appeared in court in behalf of her daughters, and begged the judge not to send them to the reformatory.

"Carrie was to have been married this morning," she said.

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Carrie blushingly admitted this to be a

A PREACHER'S PREDICAMENT.

and Chicago at the Same Time.

Dr. Chichester, at present in charge of

Emanuel Presbyterian church, of Los Angeles. Cal. is just now the cardinal factor

in a somewhat unusual contest, says the

New York Journal.

After Dr. John Henry

Barrows had resigned

from the pastorate

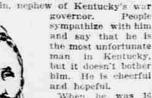
of the wealthy First

Presbyterian church,

of Chicago, over a

Pennsylvanian's Good Luck -Other Stories of Luck.

sider a case of hard luck: Blind, paralyzed, and with no means of



SOME LUCKY, SOME ARE NOT he was able to walk, but he has been unable to work at either of his trades, nor can he play the violin, as many of his muscles are still beyond control. Last February he fell on the levy pavement and two months at St. Joseph's hospital. He is known and beloved by all the citizens of Lexhigton, as he is uniformly kind to all. In speaking of his life he said that it is remarkable only in the number of misfortunes which have overtaken him.

HOW GRATH IS GETTING RICH.

### IN LUCK.



Mr. Stoutly: "Just as long as it rains down straight I'll keep my feet dry." -New York Journal.

Before his misfortune overtook him there hved near John's home a pretty girl, whose father a few years later went to Denver and engaged in the freighting business, at which he made a large fortune. The daughter's love for her Missouri sweetheart was not dimmed by the fact that he had become blind, and she wrote him the most endearing letters, in one of which she invited him to come out to Denver and pay the family a visit. He found a man who, with his brother and their wives and two hired men, was going to Denver, and he gladly allowed the bind boy to accompany them. It was an overland trip, and they were twenty days in reaching the Colorado city. John took his beloved violin along and nearly every night around the campfire he would make thrilling music, and thus whiled away many a tedious hour. The Indians were on the warpath, and John and his little party of friends had several narrow escapes.

When arrived at the home of the girl he

When arrived at the home of the girl he When arrived at the home of the girl he loved there was a happy meeting, but John's helplesaness made a sad impression on his sweetheart, and although she treated him with the utmost kindness and seemed to have lost not a bit of her old-time love. John's sensitive nature rebelled at the idea of being a care to any one, and one day when they were sitting among the rocks of a great canyon and listening to the waterfall making its solemn music, John took the ring which his sweetheart had given him and laid it in her lap. A watch which she had sent to him while he was stachool he also returned. Not a word was spoken. She seemed to read his thoughts, and, when he decided to return to Missouri a few weeks latter, she offered no objection, but kissed him good-by, as if it were a younger brother. And thus John Magoffin's second misfortime was endured.

dured.

He was thirty days in making the trip hack over the mountains and prairies, and he played his violin at the nightly camp-fires. But even this slight comfort was not vouchsafed to him for long. One night a mule got into the tent where his vio in hung and began chewing on the sack in which it was encosed. Next morning John found his favorite instrument broken into sulfaters.

which it was encased. Next morning John found his favorite instrument broken into splinters.

With a heavy heart he returned to the asslum at St. Louis. His father's property had been swept away by the war. Remizing that he must earn a living. John set to work to learn the trade of broommaking. Although handleapped by blindness and a mained hand, he soon mastered the details of the trade, and within two years he could make as perfect a broom as any man who had his sight and two good hands. He then rented a large farm and went into the cultivation of broomeorn extensively. At that time the price of marketable broomcorn was £26 a ten, and for several years the "blind planter," as he was called, made money rapidly. Then the price of corn dropped to £36 a ton and he quit growing it, and began manufacturing brooms near Sedalla, Mo. He did fairly well for awhile at this business, but it soon became overdone and he abundoned it and went to the blind asylum at Louisville, determined to learn a new trade.

Here is what most persons would connian and He Holds Onto a



mity was such a barrier that his wishes to charge double the sum for the work



MICHAEL GRATH, OF PENNSYLVANIA Whom People Think Lucky, Reading and Letting Nature Do His Work.

cears he has watched her, and never once has she gone on a strike or asked for shorter hours. Capitalists have again and again tried to out the Grath place, but this new Rock-feller of Pennsylvania thinks he is doing very well just as he is. He does not know just how much he is worth, but thinks it is "considerable."

# JOHN L. BITTINGER'S LUCK.

He Owes His Distinction, It Is Said, to

new trade.

He entered upon the task of learning upholstering and within eighteen months from the time he began he had learned the business so well that his work received the highest commendation by the leading furniture men and mattress manufacturers of the Falls city.

In 1872 a man from Chattanooga visited the blind asylum and saw Magoffin at his work. At that time Magoffin not only worked in the upholstering business, but he led an orchestra, and the Chattanooga man told him that if he would come to his city and open a shop he would come to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to his city and open a shop he would came to he consul at Montreal, owes his Distinction, It is Said, to His Resemblance to President MeKinley.

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John L. Bittinger, the St. Joseph editor just appointed to be consul at Montreal, owes his distinction to a series of singular incidents which occurred during an excit-ing campaign in Massouri several years ago. The constant of the consultation of the co ing campaign in Missouri several years ago, relates the New York World. Mr. Mc-Kinley, then a congressman, was stumping the state, and Mr. Bittinger was a member of the escorting party. There is a strong personal resemblance between the two men and one is easily mistaken for the other. The fatiguing labor of incessant speechmaking brought Mr. McKinley to the verge of collapse. It was decided that in the emergency Mr. Bittinger should take his place. This was done and thousands of applauding farmers wasted their energies on Bittinger under the impression that it was the great apostle of protection. As a result of this substitute work, Mr. McKinley always had an unusually warm feeling for the editor, and, when mentioning the subject, says that his only complaint is that Bittinger made better speeches than he did.

## WED AT A D ZZY HEIGHT.

ROMANTIC MARRIAGE OF WILLIAM HERWIG AND LOUISA HERZOG.

Lovers of Two Hemispheres United in Marriage-Wedded at 5:30 in the Morning-Stories From Kentucky and Alaska.

William Herwig, of Milwaukee, and Louisa Herzog, of Sheboygan, Wis., could not get married in a balloon as yenturous

can ever say that he heard what they were, but the nod meant assent, and the ceremony went on.

"Louisa Herzog, do you take this man to be your true and lawful husband, to love, honor and obey?"

Again the words uttered in response were carried into space by the irreverent wind, but the meaning was clear, and the knot was tied.

"I pronounce you husband and wife." The bride caught at her hat, while the groom was already devoting the greater portion of his time to keeping his from taking a parachute descent to the far, far beneath. The minister clung with the griof desperation to his headgear, and the other members of the party were devoting more attention to their respective pieces of millinery than to the ceremony.

After considerable skill had been evidenced by the members of the party in navigating against the wind, the head of the stairs was reached, and the descent was begun. The narrow winding stairs caused some uneasiness to the women of the party, and the men were compelled to go ahead to reassure them that the stairway was not dangerous, and that they would not fall. The street was finally reached, and the air of triumph with which the bridal party started for a neighboring restaurant showed their pride at the succussful ending of the adventure.

MARRIAGE IN IADAN

## MARRIAGE IN JAPAN.

Is Purely a Civil Contract-It All Depends if She Takes His Name or He Hers.

Marriage in Japan is a purely civil contract, the church not having anything to do with it. So after a marriage has taken place it must be immediately reported to the civil government. The record, of a bride in the government books is therefore transferred to that of her husband's. But if the young lady is an only child, she succeeds her family, and, according to the Japanese custom, the groom must come to her house to be married. In this case his record on the government books will be transferred to hers. Now, in the former case, the young lady assumes her husband's name, and in the latter case he takes her name. The underlying principle of this is that the family name must be maintained generation after generation, for of this is that the family name must be maintained generation after generation, for the disappearance of a family is regarded by the Japanese as a disgrace to their ancestors. In either case of marriage above mentioned, the whole property of both parties is regarded as the property of the family, and the husband being its head, takes charge of it. If, however, the husband dies, the remaining family becomes the owner of the property. In case of divorce of the husband by his wife, as in the second instance of marriage above mentioned, he must leave all his property behind except that which he owned before marriage. The contrary is the case when the divorce takes place in the first instance, where the wife has to leave her husband's house.

Unfortunately, divorce is common Unfortunately, divorce is common in Japan, ninety-nine cases out of a hundred being caused by disagreement between the family and the new comer, especially between the mother-in-law and bride. This discord in the family is sometimes so violent that the young pair are obliged to leave the house; otherwise divorce takes place. A moment's reflection upon the peculiar custom of Japan would tell the whole truth concerning this trouble. When, for instance, young people leave their parents to be married to the young people in other families, they practically cut their femilies, they practically cut their ties with the old family and assume a tie rindicated. He said that in all his other families, they practically cut their tie with the old family and assume a tie with the new parents, to whom they owe their filial plety and unconditional obe-dience.

#### HOW A DOCTOR WON A BRIDE. He Treated Frostbites So Skillfully That the Belle of Kodink

Succumbed. One of the prettiest romances that has

One of the prettiest romances that has come from Alaska reached a happy ending in the announcement of the wedding of Dr. Clarence Dickinson and Miss Josephine Block, says the San Francisco Call.

A little over two years ago Dr. Dickinson, a young graduate of the Cooper Medical institute, was sent to Kodlak as physician for the Alaska Fur Company. Miss Josephine Block, a beautiful brunette, in her 17th year, was the acknowledged belle of Kodlak, and the young doctor soon succumbed to her attractions.

Two years ago Dr. Dickinson, from being an obscure young graduate of the Cooper Medical college, suddenly sprang into fame. The schooner White was shipwrecked and the wretched survivors tramped through miles of ice and snow before they could reach a settlement.

Finally some of the survivors reached an Indian village, and a party of Alaskans, under the guidance of a Russian priest, started out to carry relief to the helpless stragglers. Later on the survivors were taken to Wood island, where they were placed under the care of Dr. Dickinson.

The young doctor was totally unprepared for the advent of seventeen men, many of them horribly frostbitten, with limbs that needed instant amputation. He had not the necessary instruments, neither had he assistants to help in the surgical operations. Without an instant's delay, however, he set to work to improvise instruments from knives and other weapons that were at hand and took off arms, legs, fingers and toes with a skill and tenderness that won him the greatitude and admiration of his unexpected patients.

The way in which her admirer rose to the emergency in the White disaster was not lost upon Miss Josephine Block. Dr. Dickinson soon became the favored sultor and although the young lady was sent to school at the Secret Heart convent. In

not lost upon Miss Josephine Block. Dr. Dickinson soon became the favored suitor and, although the young lady was sent to school at the Sacred Heart convent, in Oakland, intimate friends of the family observed the convent of the same people were enknew that the two young people were en-gaged. This summer Dr. Dickinson came to visit his family in California, A day or two ago Miss Block left her convent and went to the residence of Dr. Dickin-son's father, at Stockton, and the wedding will take place very quietly.

## A 3,000 MILE MARRIAGE.

The Parties Had Loved as Children and Separation Was No Bar to Their Marriage.

Their Marriage.

As the North German Lloyd steamship Fulda, from Genoa, warped into her dock at Hoboken. N. J., the other day, a group of young Spaniards, somewhat nervous, looked expectantly up at the ship's rail lined with cabin passengers, who waved greetings to unidentified friends on the pier. There was one particularly pretty young Spanish woman gazing intently at the throng ashore. She appeared on the passenger list as Mrs. Manuel Camancho. That has been her name since a marriage cremony at the house of her father, Jose Carreno, ex-governor of Granada, on July 25. The uncle of the bride, Juan M. Sanchez, acted as proxy for the absent bridegroom, out in Montclair, N. J., 3,000 miles away.

The moment Senor Camancho saw that his bride had picked him out of the group he executed a few steps of a boloro, exclaimed jubilantly: "She knows me." drew out his handkerchief and waved it in a delirium of love. His pretty wife caught his spirit, or had it already, and she also began energetically making signals with the international love-code flags. Then there was a fusiliade at long range, of kisses that did not hit, and an exchange of glances that did. And everybody was looking on, but the senor and the senora did not notice anybody but each other, which was quite natural under the circumstances. The officers of the Fulda decided to give her the first chance to get ashore. The ardent bridegroom was at the foot of the he led an orchestra, and the Chattanoora man told him that if he would come to his city and open a shop he would guarantee him all the work he could do at his trade and would assist him in organizing a local orchestra to furnish music for the fatiguing labor of linessant speech chattanooga opera house. Accordingly, John went to the mountain city, but he had established himself only a few weeks when one morning he awoke paralyzed. He was taken at once to the home of his reintives in Harrodsburg. Ky., where a case of total paralysis developed. He could make the only a few were mand the subject says that his only on his tongue. There was a constitution of physicians and they were mainful to the one of the could make the only a few days. His lungs, being paralyzed, were rapidly illing, and therescened nothins to do but to await the end, which was apparently not far off. One might John told his attendants to place his chin on a pillow and raise it as high up as possible, bringing all the strain they could to bear on his throat. They can be also be a sirely on the personal resement of the subject, says that his only complaint is the place his chin on a pillow and raise it as high up as possible, bringing all the strain the position himself. This bright make the olication of the control of the con

### with love, went to the home of Camancho's partner and brother-in-law, Manuel de Tor-WILL RUNONLAND OR WATER.

A DETROIT MAN'S INVENTION OF AN AMPRIBIOUS CYCLE.

with love, which to the holds of calmatches partner and brother-in-law, Manuel de Tornos, at Montclair

The senora is 19 years old, and she and her husband have known each other since childhood. They say they will not be married again, as the Spanish and American law both recognize the validity of their union by proxy. The announcement that the ceremony would take place in the manner it did was made in the Catholic churches in Granada and Montclair. There was a civil as well as a religious ceremony at Granada. Senor Camancho is 20 years old. He is a Spanish notary and translator in the office of Senor de Tornos, at No. 2 Stone street, this city. Senora de Tornos is a sister of Senora Camancho. Will Even Climb Up a Bank-New English Tandem-Cycle for a Family Turnout-Some New Inventions for Cyclists.

W. E. Hakes, of Detroit, has a new wrinkle in the line of cycles. His invention wrinkle in the line of cycles. His invention is for both land and water. Mr. Hakes succeeded eight years ago in operating a water bloycle at Reed's lake, near Grand Rapids. This machine, which he called "Walk-in-the-Water." was, like the water cycles, constructed with two air chambers. The new machine, as shown in the accompanying cont.

Children Were Born.

The failure of Henry Renkert, accounted one of the most prosperous farmers of Dover county, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, cails to mind one of the most singular compacts ever entered into in this part of the state and in which the assignor figured. The latter's father, Jacob Renkert, and Jacob Spahilinger, the elder Renkert's friend from boyhood, were both married here so long ago that only the oldest residents can remember it. Both had the knotiled on the same day, and it was agreed between them that their first born, if they were boy and girl, should be married when they became of marriageable age.

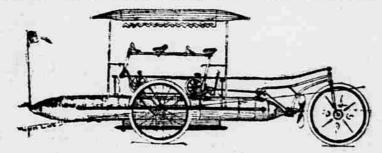
Three years after a daughter was born to Spahilinger, whom they christened Tina, and to Renkert was born a boy, Henry. As soon as they were old enough the children were told of the strange compact and seemed to take a liking to one another. They were perfectly satisfied with the arrangements made for their union before they were born by their fathers and much of their childhood was spent together.

When Tina was about 18 and Henry two years older they were married and the big wedding feast is within the memory of many of the townspeople who were there. The young folks lived happily for some years. Tina died, and since then Henry has married again, and after struggling against debt for many years has turned the old homestead, which he inherited, into the hands of his creditors. with two air chambers. The new machine, as shown in the accompanying cut, is unique in that it has but one air chamber. This chamber is a galvanized iron tube sixteen feet long and eighteen inches in diameter, with the bicycle wheels in the center, one on each side, and with a third wheel at the rear for steering. The latter wheel acts as a radder and is controlled by the front handle bar. The power that propels the machine is the bevel gear that drives the screw wheel at the rear of the tube. There is a center board that drops down and acts as a balance, and also a buoy on each side, worked from the seat. The air chamber is divided into sections, so that the rider, or riders, will not sink, in case a part of it be accidentally broken through.

The machine is a tandem, and Mr. Hakes claims that it will be possible to outstrip any common rowboat. When the riders

war dogs; and then, when the attack has commenced. La Nature intimates, and the dogs get mixed with the cyclists, they will leave the soldiers and go to fighting one another.

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provided there is a sloping bank, for they can pull up the buoys to form a canopy for them, lift up the centerboard and slide along the same as on a reversed tricycle, with the cigar-like tube suspended underneath. Ordinary bleycle wheels are to be used in its construction. Mr. Hakes will build it this winter.

DEVICE AGAINST COLLISION. How a Deaf Mute of Long Island Pro-

tects Himself Against Cyclists.

John Mumby, a deaf mute, of Wading River, L. I., has been run down several times by cyclists, as he was unable to hear the ring of the bells. As all his trouble came from behind, he devised a scheme to protect himself in that



A DEAF MUTE'S CONTRIVANCE FOR AVOIDING COLLISIONS.

lage dragging a sort of wheelbarrow with the barrow part cut out. In order that wheelmen may not pass too close to him, Mumby has moreover reinforced the appa-ratus with a plank, which extends some distance each side of the wheel.

# FOR A FAMILY TURNOUT.

Mr. Dofner, of Philadelphia, Made I From the Ordinary Tricycle Delivery Wagon.

John Dofner, of Philadelphia, has some-thing in the way of a family turnout cycle. He took an ordinary tricycle delivery wa-gon, of the sort now so commonly used by



A PHILADELPHIA MAN'S IDEA OF A FAMILY TURNOUT.

business men, and transformed it from a business wagon into a family carriage. He removed the box, and in its place rigged up a neat double seat. The carriage rests on springs over the rear axle and is very on springs over the rear axle and is very comfortable. It is large enough to accom-modate Mr. Dofner's two children and Mr. Dofner himself, occupying the saddle, sup-plies the necessary motive power.

fact.
"Well," laughed the judge, "I will hardly stop the wedding. I will put you on probation." A Tandem for Invalids. He Is Badly Wanted in Los Angeles Here is a new invention in the shape of tandem bicycle for invalids and cripples.

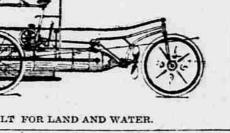


## BICYCLIST'S PERIL BY WAR.

How Mohammedans Wrenked Ven-Their Mosqu'.

The recent outbreak in Calcutta, when the Mohammedan populace resented the destruction of a mosque by indulging in





THE BICYCLE BUILT FOR LAND AND WATER.

to themselves at any rate. They armed themselves with staves, and, strange turbaned, girded figures of the East, they administered resounding whacks to all the up to date, athletically garbed Occidental bicyclists that they could reach. It was not without humor—that exhibition of the medieval Orient making the Western nineteenth century scorch to safety.

## MILE-A-MINUTE BICYCLE.

Schock Says That It Will Come Very Near That Mark-A Brooklyn Lawyer the Inventor.

Lawyer the Inventor.

A Brooklyn lawyer has invented a bicycle with a present gear of 250, and he is confident that he will see a mile close to the minute mark, Albert Schock, the well known six-day champion, is the only rider of prominence who has seen the new bicycle, and is the only one outside of the inventor who has ridden it. Mr. Schock, who is a conservative man, said:

"I have every belief in the new wheel, and really expect that it will revolutionize the present bicycle. It is mechanically correct, and with a few minor alterations as to weight and gear. I believe the wheel will prove satisfactory. I had a private trial at Manhattan Beach at midnight, Tuesday, and I am not at liberty to say what time I made, but if I use the machine in the \$2,000 handicap Saturday and Monday I will win the race. I might say that I had trouble at the turns owing to the high rate of speed attained in the straight, but with a lower gear that the inventor now is trying to get I think it will be quite possible to do 1:39 without pace."

English Camel-Like Tandem. In an endeavor to secure an extremely short wheel base on a tandem, and to make



NEW ENGLISH TANDEM.

the wind resistance practically the same as in the case of a single, an English in-ventor has come forward with this solu-tion of the problem.

## TREE THAT ABSORBED A BRAIN. It Is an Ordinary Fir, in California,

but Is Regarded With Superstitious Awe. There is a tree on Bay Farm island, Cal. which has apparently absorbed the brain of a man into its sap veins, and the man who made the discovery now regards the tree with a superstitious awe as if it were

partly human. The tree is an ordinary fir tree that has been growing for at least half a century. Some time ago, as Frank Silva was work ing away among the roots that impeded ing away among the roots that impeded his work he turned up some human bones. The unearthing of a skeleton is always in-teresting, and Mr. Silva directed his search for the rest of the bones. These he located after a little work, and he found a com-

for the rest of the bones. These he located after a little work, and he found a complete skeleton.

They were all carefully removed from the hole save the skull, and Mr. Silva made an effort to remove that, but he found it impossible to bring it from the position in which it lay, because one of the roots of the fir tree, at the base of which it lay, had grown entirely through the skull. It was found necessary to chop the root away entirely before the skull could be removed. The root had penetrated a crack in the skull and had forced its way through the head and out at the opposite side.

When it dawned upon Frank Silva that the tree had grown through the skull and had actually absorbed the brain of a man into its wooden trunk he regarded the tree with awe. He has since refused to allow the tree to be cut in any way.

Deputy Coroner Smiley, of Alameda, took charge of the remains, though no inquest was ever held.

"The skeleton was undoubtedly that of an Indian," said Mr. Smiley. "It is my opinion that the fir tree has been growing on the Island nearly half a century. The bones had probably rested beneath the tree forty years, It may be that one of the Indians, who were the original inhabitants of the Island, was murdered and buried near the young tree. I cannot understand how the root could have penetrated and grown through the skull unless there was a hole in it. The skull was a perfect specimen when I secured it, except that it had been perforated by the root." imen when I secured it, except that it had been perforated by the root."

## A WOMAN ROBS THE TREASURY. She Secured Money Enough to Build

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# CURIOUS OLD PICTURES.

SOME WERE DRAWN BY MAN, OTH-ERS BY NATURE.

Famous Painting Owned by the German Emperor - Nature Shows Skill in Representing a Face and a Bled in a Knot.

Here is the story of a painting brought to Rome by Queen Christina, of Sweden. The subject is Leda and her attendant nymphs attacked in a bath by swans. It was pointed 367 years ago for the Duke of Mantum, and given by him to the Emperor Charles V. Phillippa II, took it from Italy to Spain.
It was brought there by the acculptor, Leone beonl, who sold it to a picture dealer for Leonl, who sold it to a picture dealer for the collection of the Emperor Rodolph II. The Swedes took it, with other spoils of the seven years' war, to Stockholm, where Christina took a fancy to it, and with other treasures transported it to Rome. She left it to Cardinal Azzolino, who died a few months after it was muded over to him. It passed on to his nephew, and was sold by him to Prince Livio Othesanchi, who sold it to a cousin, Prince Bardassone Odesan-chi, who sold it to the Due d'Oricans, re-gent of France.

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His son Louis, Due d'Orbans, a pious prince, thought the head of Leds too pagan. prince, thought the head of Leils too pagan, and had it cut out. Coypel thought the and had it cut out. Coypel thought the painting and painted in a head from memory. He sold it to Pasquin, a collector, who sold it at a large profit to Frederick the Great. Marchai Davoust took it from a Prussian palace and brought it back to Paris, it was there restored and given back to the king of Prussia in 1815. The head fell off the canvas on the way, and a new head was inserted by Schlesinger. The patture is now in the possession of the German emperor, who is fascinated by the swans. As he likes to think himself a Lohengrin, this is as it should be. The curious thing is that the artist's name has not gone down to posterity, though the picture has been famous for so many centuries.

#### PICTURES DRAWN BY NATURE. Human Face and the Outline of a Bird Shown in Knots on

a Tree. One often finds queer faces and odd pictires in a wood fire and with a little use of the imagination many freakish things are



HOW NATURE DREW A HUMAN FACE

visible in nature's handlwork. But here is a case so remarkable that the imagination was not needed to appreciate it. This drawing was made from a photograph of a knot found in a poplar board in a furniture factory in Cincinnati. The singular likeness to a human face has not been in any way exaggerated.

When a Manchester, England, timber merchant was sawing a sycamore into lengths he came across a dark knot in the wood an inch and a half in diameter. When this was cut through it displayed the clearly marked outline of a bird, which the merchant deemed curious enough to have visible in nature's handlwork. But here is



HOW NATURE REPRESENTS A BIRD photographed and sent to the Strand Mag-azine, from which periodical it is here re-

A Curious Old Picture.

The strange picture represented in the filustration, r produced from Lordon Sketch, was sold the other day in a Lendon auction room. The legend on the picture, in old English, leads one to conclude that 

PAINTING, SUPPOSED TO BE A PIC TURE OF CHRIST. it is a copy of a contemporary picture of the Christ. The original picture was sort by the Ottoman emperor to Pope Innocent VIII. and it was considered to be worth a king's ransom. The picture is painted on thick oak panel, which shows great as. The frame is of black oak, and equally ancient.

# RICHEST LAD IN AMERICA.

Young Ogden Goelet Can Count His Wealth Above the Fifty-Million Mark.

Young Ogden Goelet, by the recent death of his father in England, becomes probably the richest lad of his years in this coun-